

TELEGRAM

Foreign Service of the
United States of America

INCOMING AMEMBASSY BRASILIA EDU

ACTION
POL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

Control: SAO PAULO 373

INFO
USIS
CHRON
RF

Recd: MAY 1, 1969

R 301957Z APR 69

FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 1369

INFO RUESUZ/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA 454

RUESUA/AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO 1752

STATE GRNC

BT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SAO PAULO 373

ACTION COPY

ACTION TAKEN

SUBJECT: FORCED RETIREMENT OF ACTING RECTOR AND PROFESSORS
UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO

Declassified
Authority: 43265
By: Amanda Weimer
Date: 05-13-2015

REF: RIO'S 3198

1. UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO HIT BY FORCED RETIREMENT UNDER IA-5 OF ACTING RECTOR, HELIO LOURENCO DE OLIVEIRA, AND APPROXIMATELY 25 PROFESSORS, MOST OF WHOM WELL-KNOWN, RESPECTED INDIVIDUALS. RECTOR APPARENTLY KNEW HE BEING FORCED OUT AND HE THEREFORE ANTICIPATED ACTION BY REQUESTING THE GOB TO RECONSIDER THE FORCED RETIREMENT OF THREE OTHER WELL-KNOWN USP PROFESSORS, FLORESTAN FERNANDES, JAYME TIMONO, AND JOAO BAPTISTA VILANOVA ARTIGAS. (SEE REFTEL).
2. ONLY KNOWN COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBER ON LIST WAS NOTORIOUS PHYSICS PROFESSOR, MARIO SCHENBERG. CAIO PRADO JUNIOR REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNISTS, AND JOSE GIANOTTI ALLEGEDLY MARRIED TO A COMMUNIST, REYNALDO CHIAVERINI FORMERLY CONNECTED WITH USSR-BRAZIL CULTURAL SOCIETY. OTHER WELL-KNOWN NAMES ON LIST ARE CONSIDERED MODERATES AND WERE GOOD CONTACTS OF CONGEN-, AS WELL AS OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELDS. FOR EXAMPLE, ISAIAS RAW, BIO-CHEMISTRY, WHO HAS CARRIED OUT VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR AID; ECONOMICS PROFESSOR OCTAVIOSRANNI; ECONOMICS PROFESSOR PAULO SINGER WHO STUDIED AT PRINCETON; ECONOMICS PROFESSOR PEDRO CALIL WHO WAS ACTIVELY ANTI-MARXIST AND WAS SEEKING TO BRING TOGETHER ECONOMICS PROFESSORS OF VARIOUS PERSUASIONS TO COUNTERACT EXTREMES.

3.

E050x1

4. COMMENT: UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO HAS BEEN DEALT A HARD

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN FILED

CENTRAL. PLEASE RETURN TO CENTRAL

FORM FS-412
8-65

POST ACTION COPY
FILES WITHIN (5) DAYS.

TELEGRAM

INCOMING

Foreign Service of the
United States of America

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

PAGE-2 SAO PAULO 383

Classification

Control:

Recd:

BLOW, THROUGH LOSS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TEACHING TALENT, AND ACTING RECTOR WHO CONGEN CONSIDERED BEST IN RECENT YEARS (SEE MEMCON DATED MARCH 28 BETWEEN DRO AND OLIVEIRA). AS PREDICTED IN THAT MEMCON, OBSERVERS BELIEVED OLIVEIRA MIGHT BE FORCED OUT BY HARD-LINERS WHO CONSIDERED HIM TOO SOFT, AND WHO OPPOSED HIS CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD STUDENTS. OLIVEIRA WAS ONE OF MOST ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATORS USP HAS HAD AND WAS DEDICATED TO MODERNIZING AND REFORMING UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE. REPORTEDLY ACTION AGAINST RECTOR AND JANNE TIMONO WAS RESULT PERSONAL VENDETTA BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

5. MASS ROUNDUP OF USP STUDENTS APPARENTLY CARRIED OUT TO PREVENT PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS BECAUSE OF FORCED RESIGNATIONS OF RECTOR AND THE 25 PROFESSORS, WHO WERE POPULAR WITH STUDENTS. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HARD-LINERS WHO FORCED ACTION AGAINST USP CLAIM PROFESSORS REMOVED WERE "BAD INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS."

6. CONGEN AWARE THAT PROFESSOR RAW ALREADY HAD TICKET TO THE UNITED STATES, FLORESTAN FERNANDES REPORTED ALREADY HIRED BY HARVARD, AND WE MAY EXPECT RATHER LARGE EXODUS THESE PROFESSORS TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

CORRIGAN
BT

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Classification

FORM FS-412
8-65

POST ACTION COPY